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Arcata council OKs drastically cut budget

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ARCATA – The City Council last week renewed the state of emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, then went on to approve a \$48 million city budget deeply impacted by the global crisis.

Sheltering in place and business closures have drastically reduced sales, use and bed tax revenue, forcing across-the-board cuts in city departments.

The council assumed the worst about revenues in the year to come, implementing hiring freezes, contract suspensions and program reductions.

The loss of revenue is estimated at \$1,004,712, and \$1,327,712 in cuts were adopted.

The budget slashing comes even as major expenses loom, including upgrades to the city's aging wastewater plant. That will proceed, as will a number of grant-funded projects and those not paid for via the pandemic-impacted

General Fund.

The Arcata Police Department would be reduced by two officer positions, one dispatcher and one office staffer. Three additional over-hire positions are gone, while equipment, supplies and training have also been slashed. Total APD reductions amount to \$752,000, leaving its funding at about \$6,304,000.

Some \$150,000 could be earmarked for expansion of a homeless shelter on Boyd Road, pending resolution of details.

An updated master fee schedule was also adopted.

At its July 1 meeting, the council will consider rate increases for water and wastewater fees. The water rate hike would take place Sept. 1, and wastewater on Jan. 1.

Councilmember Brett Watson thanked City manager Karen Diemer and city staff for delivering a balanced budget amid extraordinary challenges and uncertainties.

Outdoor tax on ballot

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ARCATA – Appearing on Arcata residents' Nov. 3 ballot will be a special tax measure to benefit the city's open space, parks, trails, forests, and habitat areas.

The Open Space, Parks, and Trails Special Tax would be levied at a rate of \$37 per parcel annually, raising about \$175,000 per year. The tax includes no sunset date or CPI increases. Schools, churches, fire district, city and other publicly owned parcels are exempted.

Revenues would support goals including trailbuilding, acquisitions, improvements, operations, protections, fire prevention, education, restoration, planning and more.

The tax was extensively scoped at city advisory committee and council meetings. It is billed as a way to stabilize funding for outdoor spaces via a dedicated revenue stream, helping leverage grants and enable long-term planning.

County budget now in uncharted territory

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HUMBOLDT – In what's been described as a tentative Humboldt County budget, spending is downscaled due to the unpredictability of COVID-19 impacts.

The county budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors in two June 15 hearings.

Public comment was minimal during the videoconferenced hearings but supervisors considered coronavirus-related revenue losses and exten-

sively discussed funding requests.

The \$465 million budget was described as a mere "placeholder" by Deputy County Administrative Officer Elishia Hayes. It includes various fund transfers and the forwarding of a prior year balance to make up for gaps between revenue and spending.

General Fund revenues are down by about four percent compared to the 2019 to 2020 fiscal year. Spending is cut by the same percentage, a reduction of \$5.8 million.

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Virginia Bass

MOBILIZING MATTERS



MORPHING MOVEMENT Black Lives Matter activism has expanded to include related social justice causes local and national, including justice for slain Humboldt State student David Josiah Lawson, immigration reform and the defunding the police. A Sunday rally at Arcata City Hall was followed by a rolling march, with well-masked participants circuitously making their way to the Plaza to continue pleas for abolish police, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the U.S. Customs and Border patrol (CPB). Speakers said Campaign Zero recommendations to increase training, create oversight boards and install officer body cams would only increase funding to police, and that monies would be better spent on non-law enforcement measures. More information is available at the Facebook pages for Justice for David Josiah Lawson, Centro del Pueblo and Humboldt Grassroots. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION

'Free the smile' – and unleash deadly disease?

Daniel Mintz

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HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County's COVID-19 prevention measures came under strong criticism during a lively public comment session at a videoconferenced Board of Supervisors meeting.

County Public Health Officer Teresa Frankovich was the target of several edgy public comments as she gave supervisors a coronavirus update at their June 16 meeting.

Frankovich noted that the county's

COVID-19 case numbers are "looking good," with new cases trickling in slowly and only 106 confirmed at the time of the meeting. The number rose to 110 by the end of the week.

The slow creep of cases would be cited by some public commenters as cause to back off of transmission prevention measures, with face coverings a primary cause of resentment.

Callers demanded a total lifting of the county's shelter-in-place order.

"Are you prepared to deal with a class action lawsuit from business

owners being oppressed by your forced closures, mask wearing and extended stay in place orders?" one asked. "Our citizens are suffering from these regulations while other surrounding states are open, free and living normally and passing through here."

She added, "Free the smile."

Another caller said, "Our Humboldt County numbers don't justify the heavy-handed approach we currently have" and "with everyone wearing masks, we can't see their

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Arcata facilities update What's open, what isn't

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ARCATA – The City of Arcata has issued fresh guidance on use of city facilities, many of which remain closed to the public so as to slow the spread of coronavirus and the disease it causes, COVID-19.

Playgrounds and skate parks create challenges during a public health crisis. To protect the health and safety of the community, all city playgrounds and the Arcata Skate Park remain temporarily closed due to the risk they pose for spreading the virus.

Other city facilities still closed to the public include the Interpretive Center at the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary, the Redwood Lounge and the Redwood Lodge at Redwood Park, the Arcata Community Center and city sports fields for team sport use.

The State of California's COVID-19 guidance does not permit use of facilities where individuals who are not from the same household could be in close proximity, as it increases their potential for exposure to coronavirus.

Community members may see activities taking place at these facilities while Arcata Recreation's Summer Camp Programs are in session now through Friday, Aug.

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How sheltering and services can co-exist

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich last week issued a supplement to the Shelter-in-Place Order that adds more industry sectors to the allowable services list and outlines safety measures for certain businesses to put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The supplemental Order includes industry sectors that were recently opened such as dine-in

restaurants, retail, campgrounds and RV parks, and sectors that are slated

for reopening as local conditions allow. The Order also clarifies requirements for hotels, lodging and short-term rentals to care for guests who become ill.

If a guest of a hotel, lodging or short-term rental is determined by a medical professional to require isolation or quarantine due to COVID-19, the facility's operator must provide a

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Dr. Teresa Frankovich

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Citizens prevent Dollar General liquor license

DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES CONTROL (ABC)

McKINLEYVILLE – On June 9 the Department of Alcohol Beverages Control (ABC) made public a proposed decision by Administrative Law Judge Alberto Roldan denying a request by the Dolgen Corporation for issuance of an off-sale beer and wine license for the relatively new Dollar General store located across the street from McKinleyville High School.

A hearing on the application was held in Eureka on Jan. 29. A grass-roots group of interested citizens filed protests and appeared at the hearing to give testimony as to why the requested license should be denied. The group included neighborhood homeowners, former McKinleyville High School students, staff



and current high school Principal Nic Collart, Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone, and a host of others.

Local retired attorney Bryce Kenny represented the Mack High interests pro bono. Dolgen Corp. was represented by a San Francisco specialist in ABC matters.

Madrone and others argued that the department had used the wrong census tract to determine whether there were already too many off-sale licenses in the area, which was an issue in the proceedings. The store is on Murray Road, in McKinleyville, which is the

boundary for two adjacent census tracts.

After the department representative rebutted the assertion that the wrong census tract information was utilized, the judge steered away from his initial inclination, which was to keep the hearing open, so this issue could be double checked.

After the hearing was concluded, the department notified all parties in writing that it had indeed made a mistake, and used the wrong census tract information.

Because of the COVID-19 situation, rather than schedule a new hearing, the judge invited interested parties to submit additional written argument as to the import of the acknowledged error.

In the decision, the judge mentioned not only the erroneous information, but also the compelling testimony of how an existing

homeless camp in the area makes it likely that transients would be available to buy alcohol for underage students for a fee, thus thwarting the efforts by Dollar General employees to keep it out of the hands of underage students.

Special recognition should go to Supervisor Madrone and citizen Walter Paniak for refusing to accept the department's initial testimony that there was no issue as to the wrong census tract being used. Their perseverance paid off.

The spontaneous activist group, most of whom had never met one another before the hearing, was deeply gratified that their voices were heard, and made a difference in the outcome. Attorney Kenny said "My gut feeling told me we were on the right side of this one. Sometimes, you can fight City Hall."

The decision is subject to further administrative review before it is final. It is unknown whether Dolgen Corp. will appeal.

Read the entire ABC Dollar General decision at madriverunion.com.

SCRAP Humboldt closing its doors on July 31

SCRAP HUMBOLDT

ARCATA – SCRAP Humboldt is sad to announce that we will be closing our doors at the end of July. Since we opened in 2012 we have enjoyed so much support from this community. We gratefully accepted your boxes of treasures, and took joy in helping crafty people of all ages find their inspiration while doing our part to keep useful things out of the landfill.

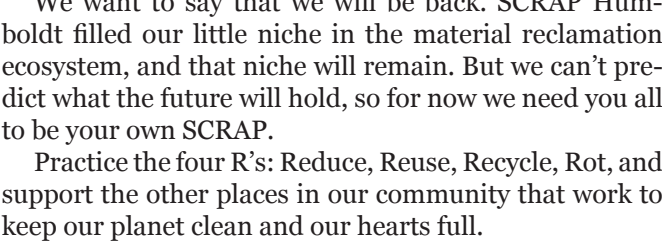
Thank you to all our customers. Thank you to every individual, business, and grant program who has given financial support.

Thank you to every adult and child who has joined us to learn how to make beautiful things while keeping the planet beautiful.

Thank you to you everyone who took the time to bring their creative reuse materials to us rather than letting them go to waste. Thank you to the Arcata Marsh Commons, our landlords for the years of support and patience. Thank you to the hundreds and hundreds of volunteers who have helped us every single day with jobs large and small. We truly couldn't have done it without you.

We want to say that we will be back. SCRAP Humboldt filled our little niche in the material reclamation ecosystem, and that niche will remain. But we can't predict what the future will hold, so for now we need you all to be your own SCRAP.

Practice the four R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot, and support the other places in our community that work to keep our planet clean and our hearts full.



Ham Radio Field Day

HUMBOLDT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

HUMBOLDT – The 2020 ARRL Field Day takes place this weekend, June 27 and 28, Ham radio operators from the Humboldt Amateur Radio Club will participate in a national amateur radio exercise from 11 a.m. on Saturday until 11 a.m. on Sunday.

The event is ARRL Field Day (arrl.org/FieldDay). Hams from across North America ordinarily participate in Field Day by establishing temporary ham radio stations in public locations to demonstrate their skill and service. Their use of radio signals bring people together while providing essential communication in service of communities.

Field Day highlights ham radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent, wireless communications network.

For more information about ARRL Field Day and ham radio, contact Anthony at KG6LHW@arrl.net and visit arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio.

Deceased person at Ma'lel Dunes

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MA-LE'L DUNES – On Thursday, June 18 at about 1:54 p.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Emergency Communications Center received a call regarding a deceased person found by a beachgoer in the area of the Ma-le'l Dunes.

Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies and a deputy coroner responded to the scene and recovered the body from the waveslope utilizing a Sheriff's side-by-side utility vehicle. The body was in an advanced state of decomposition.

The Humboldt County Coroner's Office is in the process of scheduling an autopsy and identifying the body. More information will be released when available.

Anyone with information about this case may call the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

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MCKINLEYVILLE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee will discuss providing services to houseless people, supporting the Arcata Fire District and the future of the McKinleyville Town Center at its meeting today, June 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually on Zoom. The meeting ID is 767 9836 9012. The password is 5y3Sr4. The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee will also discuss efforts to provide services for houseless people in McKinleyville. The committee will also get an update on the creation of a



McKinleyville Town Center master plan.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Arcata's Public Safety Committee meets tonight, Wednesday, June 24 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. To join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device, please use this URL: zoom.us/j/99350250522. If you do not wish for your name to appear on the screen, then use the drop down menu and click on "rename" to rename yourself to be anonymous. To comment during the public comment portion of any item, click on raise your hand on the right-hand side of your screen. When it is time for public comment on the item on which you wish to speak, the clerk will unmute you. You will have three minutes to comment, subject to the chair's discretion. Or join by phone by dialing *67 1-669-900-6833, then enter Meeting ID: 993 5025 0522. If you are accessing the meeting via telephone and want to comment during the public comment portion of any item, press star (*) 9 on your phone. This will raise your hand. When it is time for public comment on the item on which you wish to speak, the clerk will unmute your phone. You will hear a

prompt that will indicate your phone is unmuted. You will have three minutes to comment subject to the chair's discretion. *Note:* Your phone number will appear on the screen unless you first dial star *67 before dialing the numbers as shown above. Public Safety Committee agenda items include approval of minutes from the February meeting; a COVID-19 review; police reform; discussion of the committee's role, and more.

ARCATA CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION

The Arcata City Council and Arcata Planning Commis-

sion meet in joint study session Thursday, June 25 at 6 p.m. Observe the meeting by visiting cityofarcata.org and clicking on the See Live Meetings, Agendas, and Archives button on the home page, or on the City's YouTube channel at youtube.com/channel/UCJYGp9zD-PdWMGtAoBtffFX_A. Provide public comment before and during the meeting by sending comments to the Clerk by email at pc@cityofarcata.org. Agenda items include the Strategic Infill Redevelopment Plan; the Local Coastal Program; State Law Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units; and more.

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Resilient, caring and kind: COVID-19 community response coalition steps up

COOPERATION HUMBOLDT

HUMBOLDT – We are a community. No matter where we work, what we believe, how we pray, or the conditions in which we live, each of our lives here in Humboldt is inextricably linked to the actions of those around us. In times of crisis and disaster, when we are at our most vulnerable, our community connections are the source of our strength, our resilience, and our compassion.

It is from this understanding that we formed the Humboldt COVID-19 Community Response Coalition in March of this year. We are a group of community organizations and local institutions working together, in collaboration and cooperation, to care for our neighbors, ensure necessary community services continue, and build a better present and future out of this crisis.

No matter how noble the intentions of our businesses and governments, we knew that – like always – many of our most vulnerable community members would be at risk for grave harm during this pandemic and the economic impact it will leave.

Since early March, our member organizations have been delivering supplies and running errands for our high-risk neighbors, making and distributing DIY cleaning products and masks, ensuring community service organizations are stocked with food and other necessities, and helping one another to continue defending and supporting the people of Humboldt County.

These are some of our many community response projects:

Errands and supply deliveries

The Cooperation Humboldt team has already helped over 100 individuals who are self-isolating or who otherwise need help with groceries, medical supplies, or other necessities. Many of these individuals have used our free services multiple times.

“It is especially gratifying to witness the beautiful personal relationships that are being formed,” said David Cobb, one of the founding members of Cooperation Humboldt.

Food and supply distribution

In assessing our existing resources and converting our efforts into community support, we’ve seen community members of all kinds step up and be part of the solution. Within a couple of weeks of posting a volunteer sign-up sheet, volunteers and community organizers were able to establish secure protocols for food runs/delivery, cooks were able to prepare weekly warm meals for low-income residents in a mobile home park in Trinidad, and volunteers fulfilled requests from our centralized distribution site at Bayside Community Hall.

“If it weren’t for the support of our community our efforts would have not gone as far as they are now,” said Oscar Mogollon, the coalition’s Bayside Community Hall site coordinator. “This clear call to action showcases the resilience and dedication that our community members have put forth during these trying times.”

DIY face masks

Kait Angus, the mask making coordinator, notes that the mask team has delivered over 1,000 handmade reusable masks to 15 local essential businesses and non-profit organizations such as the NAACP, Affordable Homeless House Alternatives (AHHA), the UFCW Local 5 (retail, drug/grocery), Centro del Pueblo, Open Door Community Health Clinic, Jefferson Community Center and many more!

Sanitizer production

Many volunteers helped make hand sanitizer at home, some using ingredients that the COVID-19 Community Response Coalition sourced in bulk early on, when ingredients were sometimes hard to get.

We were able to distribute the bulk of it, with the help of AHHA and the Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction (HACHR), to the communities they work with who don’t have access to regular hand washing.

Support and education for our Latinx community

In collaboration with Beunlucha, Centro del Pueblo, and Cooperation Humboldt, we were able to support our Latinx community with translations and interpretations of state regulations, and COVID-19 precautions.

Buenlucha participated in a ‘Know Your Rights’ campaign, made masks for health-care workers, houseless folks, and the Latinx community, advocated for equity in education and for Special Education rights. Centro del Pueblo successfully fundraised over \$13,000 to provide financial support and food to local families and individuals who are undocumented.

Support for our most vulnerable community members

HACHR has continued to provide vital, life-saving services during COVID-19 to people who use drugs and people experiencing homelessness. HACHR has remained a consistent point of contact for some of our most vulnerable community members.

Beyond services intended specifically for people who use drugs, we have also been able to provide hygiene kits, food, clothes, masks, hand sanitizer, wound care supplies, and connection to other resources. We have continued connecting folks with housing (including project Room Key and more permanent housing), social services, and HCV and MAT treatment.

In addition to providing street outreach and the mobile showers, AHHA has relied on the coalition for ordering and distributing food paid for by a Humboldt Area Foundation COVID-19 Regional Response grant to the coalition, along with local producers, community centers, mutual aid groups, public agencies, and grocery stores.

AHHA distributed food and a wide array of supplies and essentials to unhoused communities while implementing a cellular phone network for communications with our neighbors living outside, connecting them with providers and other services as well as their advocates throughout the county during the SIP order.

In many ways, during this crisis and disaster, AHHA, with our amazing volunteers, and other coalition members have facilitated relationships and community connections that strengthen the resolve and compassion for the coalition’s work as well as their own and have made a kinder more inclusive home for all.

Advocacy for our local workers

Access to proper protective equipment for essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic has been a major concern for the Humboldt & Del Norte Central Labor Council, said John Frahm of the CLC.

“The COVID-19 Community Response Coalition has been instrumental in helping supply worksites with surgical masks and hand sanitizer,” Frahm said. “Additionally, when one of our shop stewards began volunteering her time and making masks, we were able to connect her with the coalition to help distribute to two other areas of our community in need of masks,” he said.

Creating local food autonomy

When the pandemic struck, Cooperation Humboldt’s food team quickly launched a mini gardens initiative that has already provided more than 80 small garden setups to low-income households in Humboldt County at no cost. Installation volunteers work with each family to decide what to plant, and follow up support is provided to ensure that every garden remains healthy and productive. We expect to end this season having installed 200-300 of these gardens.

All of these projects we’ve undertaken in collaboration, working together to share our resources, meet our needs, and further the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors in mutual aid. Not only has this practice of community response helped our community face this pandemic, but it has enshrined in all of us the proof that altruism, compassion, and cooperation are powerful tools for survival.

After the lockdowns lift, and even when the last case of COVID-19 is eradicated in California, disasters will still be on the horizon. From an economic downturn to sea level rise, from wildfires to power outages, community coalitions such as ours are the practice we need to build resilience and connection.

We write to ask each of you not only to support our work, but to join us – in serving your neighbors through and after this crisis, caring for our most at-risk community members, and building the relationships and power we need to ensure a brighter future for all of us.

Our community belongs to all of us. The responsibility for ensuring that our community is resilient, caring, and kind likewise belongs to all of us. Strong and compassionate community is in all of our best interests, because through booms and recessions, through war and peace, through crisis and recovery, we are what we’ve got.

Signed,

Humboldt COVID-19 Community Response Coalition members:
AHHA (Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives)
Buenlucha
Centro del Pueblo
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The surest sign of normalcy’s return – parking tickets are coming back

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – The Arcata Police Department (APD) reminds the community that the City of Arcata will resume enforcing city parking violations on Wednesday, July 1.

The Arcata Police Department temporarily suspended parking enforcement, with the exception of health and safety violations, during the initial phases of the county’s stay-at-home orders, and parking enforcement resuming on Wednesday, July 1 includes city parking meters, preferential parking zones where permits are required to park and timed parking.

In order to slow the spread of coronavirus, the APD encourages community members to make parking citation payments online at paymycite.com/payCite.aspx or over the phone by calling (707) 822-2428.

All cash or check payments may be dropped off at the drop box located outside the APD Department Office or mailed to the City of Arcata in the envelope received with the citation.

In addition, the parking permit renewal process for Arcata residents and businesses located in preferential parking zones, will begin Saturday, Aug. 1.

Community members are encouraged to apply for permits online at paymycite.com/Arcata/ParkingPermit.aspx, and more information regarding preferential parking permits can be found at cityofarcata.org/897/Preferential-Parking-Permits.

The APD office lobby is currently open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to receive citation payments and from Monday through Friday 9 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. to process preferential permits.

For the health and safety of the community and City employees, face coverings are required when entering the APD lobby, and only one person will be allowed in the lobby at a time, so there may be extended wait times.

For more information, contact the Arcata Police Department at (707) 822-2428.

CHP tracks down prickly Pilot pilot

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

McKINLEYVILLE – The Humboldt Area California Highway Patrol (CHP) is currently investigating a traffic-related incident that occurred on June 11 during the “Stand Against Racism and Police Brutality” protest in McKinleyville.

The incident occurred within the intersection of Central Avenue and Picket Road near Pierson Park while the involved traffic intersection was being blocked by protesters. Humboldt Area CHP personnel became aware of

the incident shortly after it occurred and video footage was released of a silver Honda Pilot traveling through the intersection nearly colliding with pedestrians and equestrians within the intersection.

Upon learning of the incident the Humboldt Area CHP immediately began an in-depth investigation. Investigating officers have made contact with multiple witnesses, obtained the posted video footage of the incident, identified the involved vehicle and contacted the driver.

The Humboldt Area CHP would like to ensure the public that this incident is being taken extremely seriously. The matter is being thoroughly investigated and the investigation is currently ongoing.

The Humboldt Area CHP asks anyone who may have information regarding this incident, that is not already contained within the released video, to contact the Humboldt Area CHP office at 707-822-5981 or send an email to humboldt_area.humboldt_area@chp.ca.gov.

Guidance | Look for the certificate

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space for the guest until they are removed from isolation. This replaces previous language that required hotels and lodgings to reserve 25 percent capacity for ill individuals, and short-term rental operators to house ill people on-site. This revision was made to give operators increased flexibility in determining how best to provide space for ill guests to recover.

“There is an inherent risk in traveling during a pandemic, and everyone involved, both travelers and operators of hotels, lodging and short-term rentals, should make plans as to how to manage should a COVID-19 illness occur,” Dr. Frankovich said.

Director of the Humboldt County

Emergency Operations Center Ryan Derby reminds residents that some sectors, such as fitness centers, youth sports, bars and nightclubs, are not yet approved to open. Prospective patrons are encouraged to look for the Humboldt County certificate of approval that should be posted prominently at all approved businesses. Additional activities, including spectator sports, continue to be prohibited by the state’s gathering size limitations.

Fitness centers are expected to be cleared for reopening the first week of July. A precise timeline for reopening additional businesses, including movie theaters, family entertainment centers, museums, galleries, zoos and museums, has not been set.

Smile | Masking is key to reopening

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smiles – we’re being told to fear being close to each other.”

Wearing masks was described as being unhealthy by another caller, who added that the county should “terminate the emergency if there’s no evidence to show the community is menaced by the coronavirus.”

The county’s shelter-in-place order didn’t mandate wearing facial coverings and left it up to businesses and facilities to require them or not, which was noted by Frankovich.

But masks are now required by the state, which announced the new mandate on June 18. The mask mandate emerges as the state advances further into a reopening plan.

Frankovich emphasized the range of sectors that had recently been cleared for opening, including retail businesses, restaurants, churches, salons and barbershops, service businesses, campgrounds and outdoor recreation.

At the end of the week, personal care services like nail salons and lodging for tourists were cleared to open.

Their operation will be safer with prevention measures, Frankovich said.

“We want to have all

these safety measures in place so people can shop in their community, so that they can go out to eat and so that they can support our local businesses,” she continued.

“Increasingly, in terms of being able to operate, our community is looking more like it used to at least from a business standpoint, at least from a permissive standpoint – sometimes it’s hard for people to see progress.”

Public Health Branch Director Michele Stephens acknowledged the effects of the county’s decisions but highlighted their purpose.

“Everybody’s frustrated, because we’ve never been through this before I think it’s reasonable for folks to feel this, to feel like your civil liberties have been violated because you have to wear a facial covering for the protection of vulnerable people in the community,” she said. “But there are a lot of folks out there who do worry that we’re opening fast and who do support the measures that public health, as a field, takes at times of pandemics like this one.”

Further highlighting the reasoning, Stevens added, “We’re trying to protect folks and I would just try to encourage folks to have some understanding about that.”

Frankovich had also advised lodging business owners to make plans for extended stays of guests who get COVID-19. That was questioned by Tanner Johnson of Garberville’s Sherwood Forest Motel who said quarantined guests may not be able to afford a two-week stay or get the services they’d need to self-isolate.

Sheriff Billy Honsal said the county could reimburse lodging businesses if the need for quarantining emerges.

During a June 18 video on the masking mandate, Frankovich said reopenings will lead to more cases even with masking and other measures. The goal is to keep what’s expected to be a rising number of new cases within a manageable level, she continued.

“I just want to emphasize to people that we’re not through this,” she said. “Really, COVID lies ahead in terms of exposure in this community and I think we need to just adhere to all of the safety precautions we’ve been talking about as we move forward.”

Explaining the new mask mandate, Frankovich said the state is concerned about rising numbers of cases in some areas and a lack of masking as reopening proceeds.

C/R receives HAF grant for DACA students

COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS

EUREKA – The Humboldt Area Foundation’s COVID-19 response committee has granted \$20,000 to the College of the Redwoods Foundation to support CR’s DACA students, or “Dreamers,” who are living in the United States under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The grant will provide \$325 in direct payment stipends to each of CR’s DACA students, who were excluded from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding.

“I truly believe that education leads to more opportunities in life,” says CR President Dr. Keith Flamer. “Whether it is for professional growth or personal enrichment, education helps us thrive. I am extremely thankful that the Humboldt Area Foundation is helping us provide funds for over 50 amazing DREAMers.”

As part of the recent stimulus package, the CARES Act allocated \$12.6 billion in federal relief funding to colleges and universities, of which \$6 billion was to go directly to students who were effected by campus closures as a result of COVID-19. However, although the Dreamers are federally protected under the DACA act, they are not eligible for CARES Act funds.

“This gap in the CARES Act funding meant that some of the students most impacted by COVID were not provided support. We greatly appreciate the Humboldt Area Foundation for providing this invaluable assistance to our students,” said Marty Coelho, Executive Director of College Advancement and the CR Foundation.

In the grant package, Craig Woods of the Humboldt Area Foundation writes, “we recognize the immense impacts this pandemic has had on the most vulnerable people in our communities and the organizations that serve them. We thank you for the work you are doing to address these new and developing needs.”

The funds will be automatically distributed to qualifying students and students do not need to do anything to receive these funds. However, For questions, contact Sheila Hall at sheila-hall@redwoods.edu.

HSU reaffirms support for Dreamers

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

HUMBOLDT – The Supreme Court has blocked the Trump Administration’s effort to end Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), a federal program that allows children of undocumented immigrants to remain in the United States.

While the Trump Administration may still try to end DACA, the June 18 ruling reflects Humboldt State University and the California State University system’s support for HSU Dreamer students, employees, and their families.

HSU will continue to uphold CSU policies and the State of California’s laws that offer protections and services to Dreamers. As a reminder HSU and CSU provide various immigration resources:

Dreamer Student Resources has updates, an FAQ page, and links to important resources, such as the Immigration Preparedness Toolkit, published by the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (practical tips on knowing and asserting your rights, common pathways for immigration relief, and more).

Free immigration consultations from the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) via Zoom for HSU students, staff, and faculty. To sign up for a free consultation, call HSU’s Educational Opportunity Program at (707) 335-9510 or sign up with CHIRLA directly (scroll down to Humboldt State University, “schedule an appointment”).

The CARE Team (Campus Assistance, Response, and Engagement) in the Office of the Dean of Students offers assistance with academic accommodations/advocacy including notifying professors regarding missed classes, dropping a course, and withdrawing from a course due to extenuating circumstances. Services also include help understanding university policy and procedures. Contact CARE by emailing dos@humboldt.edu or calling (707) 826-3504. If you miss them

by phone, please leave a voice message and DOS or CARE staff will respond at their earliest availability.

Counseling and Psychological Services is open and operating remotely. Call (707) 826.3236 or hsucaps@humboldt.edu.

For information on everything from grants, loans and scholarships to legal and campus support services, contact Dan Savelliff, executive director of EOP and TRIO programs, at dan.savelliff@humboldt.edu for more information.

CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White’s statement on the Supreme Court DACA ruling

LONG BEACH – The following statement can be attributed to California State University Chancellor Timothy P. White:

“The decision by the Supreme Court of the United States to reject the rescission of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program is a truly outstanding and welcome outcome, especially for the nearly 700,000 DACA recipients nationwide, including thousands of students and employees of the California State University (CSU).

Some of the CSU’s brightest students and most dedicated employees are Dreamers and they are found on each of our 23 campuses. They, like their peers, seek a better life for themselves and their families, and they powerfully contribute to the strength of the university and their own communities through service and leadership.

While this decision is an important victory, it does not protect the program from further challenge, nor does it provide a permanent solution to allow our Dreamers to achieve their aspirational goals. The CSU continues to urge Congress to take swift, bipartisan legislative action toward a much-needed permanent solution so that our Dreamers can continue to fulfill their human potential and strengthen our campuses, communities, state and nation.”

Shelter in place with a fuzzy friend

Week 14 of shelter in place: the Humboldt County Animal Shelter is down to five adoptable dogs, though there are a couple in the wings that may be available by the time this paper hits the newsstands.

The kittens hinted at last week have arrived; most of them are still a little young for adoption and are having fun playing and chowing down as they gain size and age.

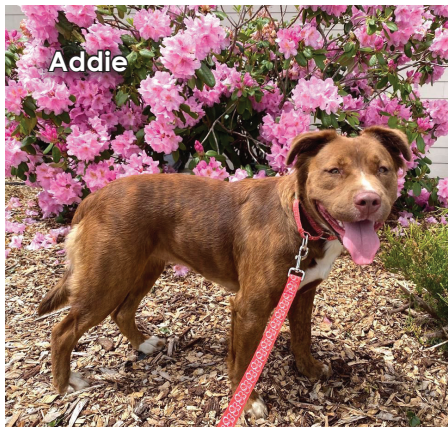
Check petharbor.com to follow along and see when they are ready for adoption. They are all different colors and some are quite stunning! They keep us entertained as we pass their play areas.

Of our five adoptable dogs, Addie is the only one not yet featured here. Addie came into the shelter at the end of May.

She is about a year and a half old and is quite unusual in appearance, though that is difficult to show in a



DOG TOWN
Mara Segal



Addie

photograph. Addie is a sturdy girl, weighing in at about 80 pounds, but not chubby at all.

She has medium length fur in a lovely brindled brown with little furry tufts in her ears. Her head looks like a Staffordshire, but her back end and fluffy tail look like something completely different, possibly golden retriever?

Once again, hard to say what her background might be. What we do know is that when inside, she loves to cuddle up and nudge her head in for pets.

Outside, she loves to explore and chase tennis balls. Addie is friendly with other dogs and would love to be your best friend! She would do better in a home without cats.

If this striking girl has caught your eye, please call the shelter at (707) 840-9132 to make an appointment to meet her. Addie is spayed, micro-chipped and current on her vaccinations.

Our other pretty girl featured today is under the auspices of Redwood Pals Rescue. Sweet Kona has been a little shy with new people.

With the shelter closed to volunteers, the opportunities for her to meet new people and get more comfortable with them are pretty limited. It’s kind of a Catch-22 for a dog like Kona.

She needs to meet more people to learn that strangers can be her friends, but new people aren’t allowed in to meet her... The two of us that are



Kona

allowed in to handle the dogs think she is a friendly girl whose confidence will continue to grow once she is out of the shelter.

Kona loves other dogs and has been consistently friendly with every dog she has met. She is very happy to see us when we come to walk her and has a nice gentle manner. Kona is about two and could have husky and Labrador Retriever in her mix. She is a pretty tan color and has a curly tail.

Kona enjoys playing fetch, romping around the play yard with her dog buddies, and getting pets from her human friends. If you would like to meet Kona, please contact Redwood pals Rescue at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at (707) 633-8842.

Kona is spayed and current on her vaccinations and looks forward to meeting you!

Arcata | Or just stay at home

❖ FROM A1

21. Summer camp activities take place in a controlled environment where modifications have been made to ensure compliance with state and county COVID-19 health and safety regulations.

The city encourages all residents to hike, walk, bike or roll on city trails as a safer alternative to playground, skate park and facility use. To minimize the impacts of COVID-19 on Arcata trail and park users, community members are strongly encouraged to follow these recommended guidelines:

- Always bring a mask or face covering with you when you leave your home to recreate.
- Always wear a mask or face covering when you are unsure if you can maintain a 6 foot distance from those living outside your household.
- Do not go for walks or rides with people outside of

your household, this defeats the purpose of physical distancing.

- Do not use sports fields or playing courts at city parks with people outside of your household, this also defeats the purpose of social distancing.
- Seniors age 65 and over and community members with underlying health conditions are advised to stay home.
- Stay at home if you have any allergy, cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Wash your hands before and after you go outdoors to get some exercise, and carry hand sanitizer if you are able to.
- Walk or ride your bike to city trails to avoid congregating in parking lots.
- Always maintain a 6- to 8-foot distance from people outside of your household when you leave your home and when you are at all city recreation areas.

❖ DANGER, WILL ROBINSON Build a cool robot

HUMBOLDT STATE

HSU – To inspire students and foster interest in STEAM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math), HSU’s Robotics Camp introduces students who are entering eighth and ninth grades to programming and various other STEAM disciplines through fun, age-appropriate activities.

The goals are to learn programming skills and spark a lifelong passion for learning.

“Developing and supporting a love of STEAM at an early age is important,” says Computer Science instructor David Marshall. “STEAM knowledge is not just about studying a STEAM subject in school. Almost everything we are doing now and will be doing in the future will include a component of STEAM.”

Each participant this summer will receive a Makeblock mBot Ranger kit. Students will work in teams of two using videoconferencing to build the kit and solve robot challenges.

The camp runs July 20-24 and July 27-30 during the afternoon. Cost is \$300. Participants will work from home and will need a Windows computer and network connection.

To register and for more information, visit camps.humboldt.edu or contact Molly Pucillo at molly.pucillo@humboldt.edu.

County | Supplemental funding requests considered

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The budget includes a \$547,000 reduction in road improvement funding and an \$800,000 reduction in reserve funds. With moves made at end of the hearings, a reduction to the county’s emergency account was expanded to \$620,000.

In describing the proposed budget as being “in many ways a placeholder,” Hayes said COVID-19 is “anticipated to have significant impacts on the 2020 to 2021 budget.”

She added that county staff will “continue to monitor these impacts” and will update supervisors this fall to better evaluate “unanticipated expenditures and losses in revenues.”

Supervisors considered various additional funding requests and approved some of them, including a \$76,000 contribution to the First 5 Humboldt family and children’s services agency.

The funding will help with work to address child abuse and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES). The nexus between family strife and sheltering in place was highlighted in the discussion.

“With COVID-19, we’ve talked about mental health, we’ve talked about crisis and how this is affecting people,” said Supervisor Virginia Bass. “I don’t think less money is going to work for ACES.”

“I think we can see the extra work that will happen with adverse childhood experiences – this has definitely been an adverse experience for a lot

of our children,” said Board Chair Estelle Fennell. “And it probably will continue to be.”

Supervisors also agreed to funding requests from managers of veterans halls, including the Arcata Veterans Memorial Building, to make up for rental revenue and other income lost due to COVID-19.

American Legion Post 274 Commander Jeffrey Sterling told supervisors that the Arcata Veterans Memorial Building’s lease obliges the county to cover water, sewer and other costs. But in his five years as commander, the facility’s utility costs have amounted to \$13,000 a year and the county’s annual contribution has been \$5,500, he said.

“We’ve had to pull out of our savings to stay afloat and we’re no longer able to stay afloat since we are shut down and are unaware of when we’re going to be able to open back up,” said Sterling.

Supervisors agreed to \$10,000 in funding to the Vets Hall for the year.

They also agreed to a \$12,500 contribution to the Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department.

The department had requested \$25,000 due to the COVID-19-related cancellation of an annual fundraiser but supervisors Rex Bohn and Stave Madrone agreed to tap the community for donations to make up for the gap.

A \$50,000 contribution to the effort to form a Samoa Peninsula community services district was also ap-

proved.

Those and other extra funding requests approved during the second hearing will be covered by \$214,000 from the county’s emergency account. Now at \$1.4 million, the account is less than half of what the county’s budgeting policy recommends.

The budget includes a recommendation to fund \$11 million in Measure Z public safety tax funding requests but coronavirus-impacted revenue is estimated at only \$9.4 million.

With the tightening, Supervisor Mike Wilson emphasized the importance of prioritizing funding in the context of recent events. He said budgeting policies have “a moral component to them.”

Later, he said Measure Z “will be looked at a little differently in the next year, considering the sign of the times and what people are looking at.”

Wilson expects more public commentary on Measure Z spending, “Especially around issues like (police) officers in the schools.”

He added, “That’s becoming an issue lately and we’re probably going to be thinking about how those things move forward.”

The budget’s adoption is set for this week’s board meeting, on June 23.

But as Hayes had indicated, financial conditions will be more definitive during this fall’s first quarter review, when departmental reduction scenarios of 2.5 percent, 7.5 percent and 15 percent will be considered.

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Prenatal Yoga will take place every Thursday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., and this class fo-

cuses on labor preparation tools including mindfulness and breath work. Classes are led by beloved childbirth educator and doula, Kate Maguire, and are free and open to all. To join on Zoom, visit [Opendoorhealth.zoom.us/j/94725505756](https://opendoorhealth.zoom.us/j/94725505756).

FIRST 5 HUMBOLDT
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Classes are funded through a DHHS/First 5 ACEs Collaborative Partnership in collaboration with Arcata Recreation, Arcata Play Center, North Country Prenatal and Open Door Community Health Centers. For more information, contact the Arcata Recreation Division by email at rec@cityofarcata.org or call (707) 822-7091.

Arcata dining and retail guidance

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – The City of Arcata has released outdoor dining and retail guidance for local businesses in the Arcata Plaza, Downtown and Northtown neighborhoods.

On Wednesday, June 3, the Arcata City Council unanimously voted to allow restaurants and businesses to offer outdoor seating for dining and retail operations amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

This guidance will remain in place until stay at-home orders are lifted to allow unrestricted dining and retail operations, or until the city revokes these interim provisions.

Reopening certification from the Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services is required for all Arcata businesses who wish to apply for an outdoor dining or retail permit, known as an Encroachment Permit. All permit fees will be waived for any outdoor dining and retail Encroachment Permits obtained prior to Saturday, Dec. 31, 2020.

To review the guidance documents in full, visit cityofarcata.org. For more information, contact the Community Development Department at comdev@cityofarcata.org or call (707) 822-5955. For the latest local COVID-19 updates, visit cityofarcata.org or humboldt.gov.

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Why is my fire station closed? It's complicated, and yet simple

If you have not noticed the rotational fire station closures occurring at the Arcata, Mad River, and McKinleyville Fire Stations, you are likely taking the shelter-in-place order to an extreme level.

Most community members have probably noticed a sign in the window of their closest fire station indicating the station is closed due to budget cuts. The three fire stations, operated under control of the Arcata Fire District, are being closed on a rotational plan.

As I write this, the Mad River Station is closed. Next week the Arcata Station will close and then the McKinleyville Station. Only one of the three stations are closed at a time with each of the two stations being staffed by a minimum of two firefighters.

The Arcata Fire District has received some questions about why this is occurring, and there have been some false rumors floating around in certain communities about station closures being conducted to punish the community for not supporting Measure R during the March election.

Please allow me to set the record straight: the rotating station closures are not punishment for lack of supporting Measure R.

We don't want to close any fire station, but were forced to do so because we do not have the revenue to continue staffing three stations. Before I explain about the station rotational closures, I am going to share some facts that led to where we are today. I believe these facts are pertinent to the discussion.

Historical staffing changes

One of the points made many times during the Measure R public education presentations was the fact that failure to pass Measure R would result in the closure of a fire station. Let me provide a little history about how the District has been staffing fire stations since the early 1990s.

During the early 1990s, stations were staffed with one firefighter. The Arcata Fire District's administration recognized the ineffectiveness of staffing a fire engine with one firefighter and tried a variety of ways to augment staffing.

When I started as a volunteer firefighter with Arcata Fire District in 1991, the Mad River station and the McKinleyville station each had one firefighter providing service to the community. The Arcata station was staffed on a volunteer basis with a volunteer resident firefighter who lived at the station. This position was called the "sleeper." The sleeper lived at the fire station rent-free and was tasked with cleaning the station, maintaining security, and being available for nighttime calls. If a fire call came during the night, and the sleeper was available, they would ready the fire engine and wait for at least two other volunteers to arrive before leaving for the fire. This process averaged a response time of 8 to 12 minutes.

The sleeper program worked for a long time; however, there were plenty of times when the Arcata Volunteer Firefighter's Association and Arcata Fire District were unable to find a volunteer that was willing to live in the fire

station. The sleeper position was vacant numerous times during my tenure here.

Even though the Arcata Fire District and Volunteer Firefighters Association offered free rent, they struggled to maintain the sleeper program. In the early 1990s, the Arcata Fire District tried augmenting staffing by starting a "Part-Time-Program" that allowed volunteers to be paid \$100 to work a 24-hour shift with the on-duty career firefighter. This program immediately stopped when the District learned it was violating the Fair Labor Standard Act (FLSA) and creating unemployment liability.

In 2005, the staffing model changed again, when a large commercial fire occurred in the Humboldt State University Campus Apartments. I was the firefighter on duty that day when we were dispatched to a working multi-family residential structure fire in a multi-story residential dwelling.

I was on the engine, by myself, and I did my best to give a report on conditions, get all my firefighter equipment together, pull hose lines, connect the fire engine to a fire hydrant, work my way through the smoke and heat on multiple floors just to try and find the fire and attempt extinguishment. It was approximately 12 to 15 minutes from time of call to water on the fire. It takes time to complete all of those tasks by yourself.

Chief McFarland was the Duty Chief that day. He had just recently been hired as the Fire Chief of Arcata Fire District. Side note, Chief McFarland started his fire service career as a volunteer with Arcata. Chief McFarland arrived and saw a single firefighter trying to extinguish a multi-story apartment complex fire, with multiple units burning, by himself.

I fought that fire for a long time by myself and it kicked my butt. Eventually, volunteers began arriving and we extinguished the fire but there was a lot of damage.

Following that fire, Chief McFarland recognized the extremely dangerous plan the District was operating under with one firefighter on a fire engine. He immediately moved the career firefighter from the McKinleyville station to the Mad River station, resulting in a two-person engine company and only one station being staffed.

The McKinleyville Fire Station became a volunteer fire station operating the same as Arcata station. The community of McKinleyville was very upset about the decision to remove staff from the McKinleyville station.

Benefit Assessment 2006 and FEMA grants bring increased staffing

Chief McFarland asked the Arcata Fire District Board to attempt a funding measure in order to increase revenues for additional staffing. One of the primary reasons for his request was the rapidly increasing demand for service from the public. The District was also beginning to experience budget issues with increasing expenses and stagnant revenues.

The 2006 funding measure passed, allowing additional firefighters to be hired. The updated staffing included two firefighter's on-duty every day, 24/7 at both Mad River and McKinleyville fire stations. The Arcata station remained unstaffed but operated using volunteer response.

The District made another attempt to augment career staff with volunteers by starting a Reserve Firefighter Program around 2007. This program was similar to the "Part-Time-Program" mentioned earlier but complied with FLSA law. The District could not pay volunteers to work shifts without creating liability under certain laws, but they could reimburse volunteers for out-of-pocket expenses encumbered working a 24-hour shift.

Volunteers began working shifts and they were reimbursed for various out-of-pocket expenses. The cost of uniform, boots, fuel, meals, etc., are example of the expenses encumbered by volunteers working a 24-hour shift. The reserves were limited to the number of shifts they could work each month because they could only be reimbursed for actual expenses.

This program terminated around 2015 when the District began experiencing financial hardships. The District applied for and received a SAFER Volunteer Recruitment and Retention grant around 2012. This grant provided almost \$500,000 in funding to improve recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

The District built an amazing recruitment and retention program, which resulted in approximately 50 new volunteer firefighter applications each year.

Unfortunately, retention never worked out and the District continued averaging approximately 1.4 years from each volunteer before being hired by another fire agency or resigning due to extensive time requirements.

The District has seen more than 200 volunteer firefighters come and go in the last 16 years.

In 2012, the District received a Federal Staffing Grant through FEMA. This grant paid for three full-time firefighters and covered 100 percent of the salary and benefit cost for each firefighter. The FEMA SAFER grant was renewed in 2015 and increased staffing by an additional three firefighters, totaling six grant-funded firefighters. The grants covered 100 percent of salary and benefits.

The FEMA SAFER Grant staffing resulted in all three stations being staffed with two firefighters 24/7/365. This was the first time in history all three stations in the Arcata Fire District were staffed with full-time career firefighters.

The sleeper program terminated in 2012 when the Arcata station became staffed by full-time career firefighters. The sleeper program had also been failing to meet its goals of augmenting staffing during the night. Even though there were volunteers living in the

station, they were rarely available for different reasons.

One of the requirements from FEMA when you accept SAFER funding for career firefighters is you must implement a plan to try and keep the firefighters once the grant expires. When the FEMA SAFER Grant funding expired, the District maintained the staffing level with three firefighter positions being cut due to cost.

The District used reserves to cover the cost of three firefighters and they attempted another funding measure in 2015 to provide permanent funding to keep these positions. Again, the District had an obligation to the Federal Government to do everything in its power to maintain the staffing that was provided through the grants.

The funding measure of 2015 failed to garner two-thirds voter approval, and was defeated. The District looked at trying to obtain another FEMA SAFER grant for staffing but learned the rules had changed. The new grant guidelines no longer paid 100 percent of salary and benefits. The new guidelines required the District to pay 65 percent of the position costs. This was not possible due to lack of funding.

Measure R preparation

The Arcata Fire District Board approved placement of a special tax on the March ballot. The Measure required two-thirds voter approval but only received 63.7 percent. Prior to the March election, the Arcata Fire District worked very hard to share facts with the community about why this funding was necessary and what would happen if Measure R failed.

The District held six town hall meetings with locations throughout the District in Bayside, Manila, Arcata and McKinleyville. Social media was used extensively to share information and facts about the Arcata Fire District.

Letters were sent to the *North Coast Journal*, *Times-Standard*, and *Mad River Union*. There were numerous interviews with local news and press releases sent to all media sources.

Off-duty firefighters, their family members, District board members, and friends walked through neighborhoods sharing information door-to-door. The Fire Chief, District board members, and I went to countless service clubs and community groups to share information about the State of the Arcata Fire District and the need to increase revenues.

All of the discussions included a transparent plan to decrease staffing and close a fire station in the event Measure R failed to garner voter approval. I am the first to admit that we made some mistakes in our attempt to educate the public and get facts out in a timely manner.

I attribute these failures to the fact that all of us are firefighters and not specialists in managing an educational campaign.

The second failure was our lack of ability to recognize how much time it takes to do all of this work. Staffing levels were already dropping as firefighters were leaving the district to seek a more secure job. The lost positions were frozen

due to impending layoffs.

Even prior to the failure of Measure R, the District was operating with a bare-bones staffing.

The District has no funding to use towards a robust public outreach and public education plan. We quickly found ourselves behind and we never caught up enough to educate everyone or do all of the things we wanted to do.

Measure R failure and the cuts

Following the March 2020 election, the Arcata Fire District learned it had not reached the two-thirds voter approval it was trying for.

The District Board of Directors held a Board Meeting to discuss options for staffing reduction and station closure options. Both of these issues are extremely complex and require a process to determine a fair operational staffing plan.

Employees of the Arcata Fire District have contracts that detail staffing levels, salaries, benefits and working conditions. The District Board and bargaining groups are required by law to negotiate changes in the contract. This process is called "Meet and Confer."

The Firefighters Union (Local 4981) can't simply give themselves a raise without negotiating with the District Board. The District Board can't cut positions without negotiating with Local 4981. Minimum staffing levels are covered in the Local 4981 contract thus requiring the District Board to negotiate changes in minimum staffing levels.

This negotiation began almost immediately after Measure R failed. Local 4981 and the District Board made cuts to the Local 4981 contract, which resulted in elimination of regular overtime and changes to the minimum staffing level. This cut was a huge setback for years of progress made by Local 4981 and the fire district to ensure safe staffing levels for the community.

Local 4981 and the District Board have worked very hard to ensure the community is protected through proper staffing with firefighters on duty and available 24/7/365. They have worked with the District to increase staffing over the years using a number of different plans. It is important for me to point out those firefighters on duty 24 hours a day, and in fire stations that are strategically located throughout the District, is the safest and most effective level of protection for our communities. There is no argument against this.

The same argument holds for all essential service workers. When you need them, you need them NOW!

If your sewer started backing up in your house, would you accept calling a volunteer plumber in hopes they are available to come and help you? There have been countless fires when volunteers and off-duty staff were not available.

Relying solely on volunteers is not an effective operational plan when it is your house is on fire or you or someone you love has stopped breathing.

To be continued. Next week: rotational vs. permanent station closures and more.

Give Pence a chance

CNN's presidential poll released on June 8 gives former Vice President Joe Biden a 14 percent point lead nationally over soon-to-be former President Donald Trump.

According to the recent broadside in print against Trump from his first Secretary of Defense James Mattis, "...We must reject any thinking of our cities as a 'battlespace' that our uniformed military is called upon to 'dominate'... The Nazi slogan for destroying us was Divide and Conquer... Donald Trump is the first president in my lifetime who does not try to unite the American people - does not even pretend to try. Instead he tries to divide us..."

If Trump's favorite "Mad Dog" General James Mattis is openly comparing his for-

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mer boss Donald Trump to a Nazi, then it's well past time for traitor Trump to resign!

Attempting to hang on to the American presidency by hook or by crook in order to avoid federal prison will not be a successful sale for despicable Donald Trump in 2020.

With this in mind, partisan Republicans, it's time for some profiles in courage from you usually craven conservatives. Dump Trump at your coronavirus convention! Just do it for America, already. No more excuses!

All we are saying is give Pence a chance.

Sincerely,

Jake Pickering
Arcata

Val Demings for VP

In a recent Letter, Jake Pickering argued that Joe Biden should pick Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer as his running mate. I would like to present an alternative choice.

In a recent *New York Times* opinion piece, it was noted that historically blacks support Democrat candidates about 90 percent of the time.

The article tied this statistic to a graphic that showed the number of non-voting blacks in key cities in six swing states including Florida along with Trump's 2016 victory margin in each.

The conclusion was, if the black voters had turned out, Hillary Clinton would most likely have won each state and the presi-

dency.

So what should Biden do?

First, in light of this analysis and the current civil unrest due to George Floyd's death, Biden needs to select a black woman as his running mate.

Specifically, I would recommend Congresswoman Val Demings from Florida. She is black, started as a social worker, and then spent 27 years in the Orlando police department eventually becoming chief.

I think this combination gives her an edge in appealing to black voters this year. Her pick, along with "Get out the Vote" programs in black neighborhoods in the six swing states and elsewhere, should go a long way to help Biden win in November.

Sherman Schapiro
Eureka

HSU commits to broad review and changes in Police Department

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
HUMBOLDT STATE – An extensive review of alleged misconduct within the University Police Department has been completed by an outside investigative group, the OIR Group (Office of Independent Review), which concluded that one alleged act did not occur while others lacked sufficient corroborative evidence and were “not sustained.”
At the same time, the OIR Group concluded there were broader problems within the department that need to be addressed. These include communication and leadership at all levels, internal division, and organizational dysfunction.
Based on the findings, the University will be undertaking an effort to address the issues and make improvements. This

will be guided by additional outside review as well as leadership from Interim Police Chief Christina Lofthouse. It will take into account recent calls for changes in police practices that are being made across the country, and include implementation of the recommendations of The President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing, reported to President Barack Obama in May 2015.
“I see this as an important time and opportunity,” said Vice President for Administration and Finance Doug Dawes, whose areas of responsibility include the police department. “We strive for constant improvement in every process and effort on campus, and the OIR Group uncovered organizational issues within the University Police Department that very much need attention.”

The OIR Group’s investigation involved more than 35 hours of interviews on campus, including every member of the University Police Department. They also conducted reviews of documentary evidence.
In the summary of their findings, OIR Group concluded: “While we found that the UPD generally provides effective public safety services to its academic community, interpersonal conflict and poor communication has created dysfunction from within. Our reporting to the University provided insight into the underpinnings of that conflict so that University leadership could use available tools to remediate and repair that divide and facilitate a climate of effective communication and respect.”
The University contracted with OIR Group

following serious allegations about the former Police Chief Donn Peterson and Lieutenant Melissa Hansen, by members of the police department. OIR was asked to look at the allegations as well as any related complaints and matters. While the alleged acts were determined to have either not occurred or to have lacked sufficient corroborative evidence, the months-long process revealed the larger issues that the University is now seeking to address.
“This review has been very revealing and speaks to several areas, at all levels and by all officers, that warrant significant action,” said HSU President Tom Jackson, Jr. “It’s vital that we understand any issues in our police department. I’ve been very clear that I expect to see immediate and clear steps taken to begin resolving these issues.”

Police Chief Brian Ahearn on budgets, reform and your police department

On Wednesday, June 17, 2020, the Arcata City Council approved a balanced budget for the 2020/2021 fiscal year. City staff worked tirelessly to craft an unprecedented budget during a time when the COVID-19 pandemic had a catastrophic impact on City revenues.

Arcata City Manager Karen Diemer outlined the budget plan which included a \$752,000 reduction in the Arcata Police Department’s budget from the 2019/2020 fiscal year. The budget process took several iterations to get to this point. APD’s Police Business Manager, Eileen Verbeck, saw opportunities for APD to participate in the painstaking process of balancing a budget with significant anticipated revenue shortfalls. Eileen recommended, and I authorized, the following reductions to the APD budget to assist the City with achieving its goal of delivering a balanced budget to the City Council:

Overtime and part-time salaries; training and advertising/recruitment; IT equipment; office supplies; juvenile diversion supplies; equipment/maintenance; vehicles; capital projects; and personnel.

These budget reductions are temporary and City Manager Diemer pledged from the beginning of this process that contained within the budget planning strategies were specific measures and thresholds that, as revenues are restored as Arcata continues the re-opening process, so too will the City services that have been temporarily placed on hold. What that will look like for the Police Department could be different as the City Council has recognized, and rightfully so, that this is an opportunity to re-imagine policing in Arcata and re-build our Department to create a best practices model that clearly defines the role of the Police Officer and creates other mechanisms in which to provide services that do not necessarily have to be provided by a uniformed and armed peace officer. Until this vision materializes the Arcata Police Department enjoys the full support of a City Council and a City Manager who believe and trust in the work we are doing as the only service organization who never closes. APD is the defacto place where all community members go for help. What an awesome calling and responsibility and something no APD member takes for granted.

The budget for APD heading into 2020/2021 will enable core services to continue to be delivered. No one’s safety is at risk as the City Council made it a priority to insure basic services will not be compromised. To that end, community members will continue to benefit from the Police Service Assistants staffing the public counter, a Dispatcher ready to receive your call for assistance at any time, our Police Service and Parking Enforcement personnel to provide critical safety and customer based services, Investigations personnel who manage the crime solving process, Supervisors who provide those essential checks and balances, Volunteers who do so many things for so many people, Juvenile Diversion Counselors who direct the youth and families of Arcata away from the criminal justice system and the uniformed cop on the beat who will respond to anyone’s time of need to provide essential services, safety, resources, encour-



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Police Chief Brian Ahearn

agement and hope.
Through attrition APD was able to realize some salary savings that does help the City during this short term revenue reduction period. We rely upon Measure Z funds to staff our Juvenile Diversion Counselors and School Resource Officer; essential services that are a priority for Arcata. The budget also contains equipment and systems that enable APD to continue to grow as an organization; building upon the best practices we have initiated and the City Council has supported as well as the on-going process of implementing the recommendations from the National Police Foundation. That equipment includes an on-line reporting system which will revolutionize how some crime reports are filed with APD. Fluctuations in staffing as well as increasing demands on law enforcement require us to continually be in search of emerging technologies and equipment that is both affordable and allows for police services to continue to be delivered albeit in different formats. On-line reporting is coming and community members can expect instruction in the next several months on how to file their own crime reports.
On-line reporting creates convenience for the reporting party and frees up time for APD Patrol, under the direction of Patrol Lieutenant Bart Silvers, to direct resources pro-actively to solve crime and quality of life challenges when many of the traditional tools to provide these critical services to the satisfaction of community members have been deemed no longer viable options; more barriers to Police Officers having the ability to do their job.
I have assigned Investigations Lieutenant Todd Dokweiler to work directly alongside me to develop a framework, along with our Public Safety Committee, to implement the immediate reforms as directed by the City Council at their June 17 meeting; to forecast how Police-Community Service Officer positions and other social service entities can be incorporated into APD Operations as services are restored; and to develop a strategic plan to bring civilian oversight of law enforcement to the Arcata Police Department; something that is long overdue and can only make us better.
Where community members will see some of the budget impacts are an increase in response times to non-emergency calls for service and a reduction in self-initiated enforcement such as traffic violations, urinating in public, smoking, drunk in public and other quality of life crimes that are a priority for Arcata but not so much for the criminal justice system as a whole. The salary savings APD has achieved is because of vacant Police Officer positions that do not impact our ability to

provide basic services but do manifest themselves in more quality of life impacts as seen in the attached videos in Valley West. We need property owners who do not abandon their property for those who live nearby to suffer the consequences and leave it to a Police Department with 14% less staffing than just a few short months ago to manage. This is where the impact will be felt which is why I have authorized 368 hours in Police Officer overtime for the next 30 days to restore order in Valley West and why City Manager Diemer created the Building Official position so that private property owners are held accountable and can no longer use their empty lots as dumping grounds. APD has a walk through at this Valley West property this Monday with the City of Arcata’s Building Official. And while community members in Valley West feel abandoned by the APD the exact opposite is true. If property owners cannot police themselves, and as the capacity for mental health, housing and addiction services continues to grow but is not quite where we need it yet, the City Council and City Manager fully support APD allocating the funds to restore order in any Arcata neighborhood where disorder has reached levels that are just inexcusable.

Our ability to enforce quality of life crimes has been crippled by legislation and court decisions; impacts not seen in the courtroom but play out every hour of every day in Arcata and communities throughout the country that must leave some community members wondering, “Why is our Police Department so inept?”

Despite the budget challenges and the impact to our staffing, when crime and quality of life impacts meet thresholds where the safety of community members is at risk or the potential for crime and disorder to manifest becomes great, APD will work as a team to restore order and a sense of safety. We still have a murder case to solve and no budget challenge will stand in the way of finding the remaining key pieces of information that will transition the Josiah Lawson murder investigation back into court. It takes money to deliver public safety services and APD has the full support of the City Council and City Manager Diemer to do what it takes to insure those responsible for Josiah’s murder are held accountable.

As we collaborate with all of our stakeholders on future budgets, mechanisms must be created for community members to have a voice in how policing is accomplished in Arcata. For the next several months it may take longer to achieve our collective goals but APD is committed to figuring out ways to get things done no matter what challenges are placed before us. When people criticize policing or ask themselves why Police Departments even exist (seriously?) the answer is right in front of you. I see it play out every day in Arcata by the women and men who serve our great City, and all of you, 24/7/365. We never close. And while you may not like what we have to say, the plan we develop to resolve your situation, booking someone in jail or the citation we wrote you, there are times when we are going to have to agree to disagree. When a mother recently called APD because her 19 year old daughter was stopped by APD and felt wronged because she was given a verbal warning, no matter

what the Sergeant said in terms of everything being done correctly by the Officer it just was not good enough. It was all on BWC [body worn camera] but the mother still blamed my Officer. We realize many will blame us for their own faults because accountability and accepting blame for one’s mistakes is difficult for some people. If you feel you’ve been wronged we have a robust complaint reception and investigation process. Please utilize it. There is no room for law enforcement to get anything wrong. We have to be perfect each and every time out.

When LAPD Officer Esmeralda Ponce Ramirez’ line of duty death was announced in June 2019, PORAC, the Peace Officer Research Association of California, included a link to the LAPD Officer Memorial page. Through the sea of all LAPD Officers who made the ultimate sacrifice I happened upon the death of LAPD SWAT Officer Randall Simmons who was shot and killed on February 7, 2008 while entering a home where an armed suspect had killed several family members.

Take a moment, check the Officer Down Memorial Page, and reflect on the sacrifice made by Officers Ramirez and Simmons, and all law enforcement personnel killed in the line of duty, and the people who they were, in order to serve and protect.

The law enforcement profession finds itself again, at a crossroads. Many who have never served are calling for massive reform. Some, like the Arcata City Council, have enlisted the opinions of law enforcement in this transformational process. Others, unfortunately, most of whom I would imagine have never pinned on a badge, have not. Instead, we are second guessed as laws designed to delay all judgment until all facts are known are ignored, trampled and spat upon.

What happened to Mr. Floyd in Minneapolis was a travesty and rightfully has called into question where our moral, ethical and just compass is. Mr. Brooks in Atlanta was shot after engaging officers in a fight to escape what appeared to be a simple arrest. Instead, he lies dead and the officer fired and arrested within hours. No longer will being placed on desk duty pending the outcome of the investigation suffice. Communities demand action now and elected officials are delivering it. As a profession we have some soul searching to do. We cannot continue to police this way.

Criminal justice reforms in California have taken place for many years. We are the most progressive state in utilizing best practices in policing. No one comes close. Many of these measures are intended to dilute the role of the American Police Officer. The strategy is working and if this is what people continue to vote for then that is exactly what they will get.

Ignorance is no excuse in creating a society where your individual safety is always at risk. Police Officers are noble people who perform life-saving work every day and restore hope in people’s lives when all hope was lost.

So when some advocate for dismantling the police or march on their City Hall to abolish policing (how ludicrous is that?) be careful what you wish for. Educate yourself, get involved in your local government, go on a ride-a-long or, God forbid, join our ranks.

If you have all of the answers

then we sure could use you.

Political and societal pressure has caused so much change in such a short period of time since the senseless death of Mr. Floyd. And while some tools have been taken away, the carotid control hold for example, I have instructed my Officers to utilize any means to survive an attack. Our priority remains to fight crime, hold offenders accountable, restore order and to do the best we can to help people in a region that does not have the capacity we need for the demand.

No matter the budget challenge APD is not going to retreat and we will not stop performing compassionate, humanistic and just policing to keep Arcata a Safe City. We will not back down or back off. We will however, continue to acknowledge our faults, work to right the wrongs of racism and bigotry and get better by engaging with, and listening to, all community members, especially communities of color.

It is common to echo “We will never forget” when honoring a peace officer who dies in the line of duty. Dan Walters was a high school baseball phenom and a catcher for the San Diego Padres before becoming a San Diego Police Officer. Dan was shot and paralyzed on November 12, 2003 while covering another Officer on a stop. Dan died on April 23, 2020 from the injuries he sustained on duty.

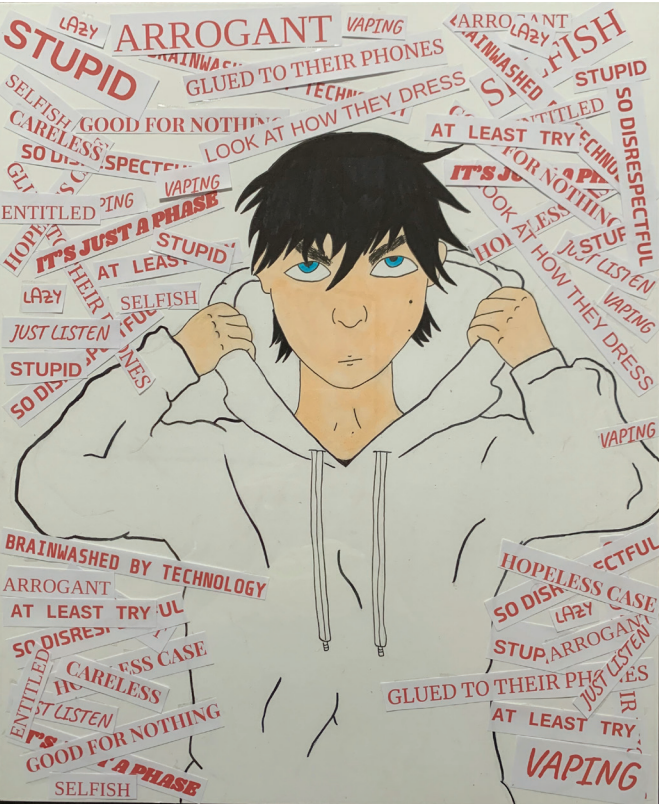
Johnny Keene, a retired SDPD Detective and academy classmate of mine in 1986, posted the following poem to Dan’s memorial page:

The Final Inspection

The policeman stood and faced his God,
which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining,
just as brightly as his brass.
“Step forward now, policeman.
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek? To my church have you been true?”
The policeman squared his shoulders and said,
“No, Lord, I guess I ain’t, because those of us who carry badges can’t always be a saint. I’ve had to work most Sundays, and at times my talk was rough, and sometimes I’ve been violent, because the streets are awfully tough. But I never took a penny, that wasn’t mine to keep....
Though I worked a lot of overtime when the bills got just too steep.
And I never passed a cry for help, though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God forgive me, I’ve wept unmanly tears.
I know I don’t deserve a place among the people here.
They never wanted me around except to calm their fear.
If you’ve a place for me here, Lord, It needn’t be so grand.
I never expected or had too much, but if you don’t...
I’ll understand.
There was silence all around the throne where the saints had often trod.
As the policeman waited quietly, for the judgment of his God.
“Step forward now, policeman, you’ve borne your burdens well.
Come walk a beat on Heaven’s streets, you’ve done your time in hell.”
Police Officers are the difference between right and wrong, just and unjust, good and bad, honor and disgrace.
How quickly we have forgotten.

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STUDENT ART



CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION Six Rivers Charter High School student Louie Marak was the Humboldt County winner of the 2020 Congressional Art Competition. His art, “An Internal Effect,” above was made with pen, pencil and collage.

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Gear Sale goes online

FRIENDS OF THE DUNES

MANILA – Friends of the Dunes’ Get Outside Gear Sale is going online. The gear sale, originally scheduled in April, was canceled to protect the safety of our community. Now that summer is nearly here, we want to help you find great deals on the gear you might need for outdoor adventures!

All used gear was generously donated by our community before the spread of COVID-19 to Humboldt County and has been safely stored for months. Funds raised from the sale will support Friends of the Dunes coastal stewardship and education programs.

At the Virtual Get Outside Gear Sale, you will find deals on new and used gear, including: kayaks and kayaking gear, backpacks, tents and camping gear, fishing gear, spotting scopes and bikes.

To view and purchase gear, please visit friendsofthedunes.square.site/. For more information, contact Friends of the Dunes at info@friendsofthedunes.org. Gear is available while supplies last, with local, safe and physically-distant pick-up only.

Due to public health guidance regarding COVID-19, we are not accepting donations or consignments for this sale. This will be the “first wave” of the gear sale, with more gear to come in the fall. If you donated gear, but don’t see it in this sale, it will likely be included in the fall sale.

MCK STUDENTS EARN DEGREES Three McKinleyville students have graduated from Oregon State University, located in Corvallis, Ore. They are Trevor S. Garrison, who received a bachelor of science, cum laude, in economics; Sierra M. Joyner, who received a bachelor of science in biology; and Mitchell I. Monge, who received a bachelor of science in finance.

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Cheers to love – Allie and Jonathan elope!

Everyone is happy to hear a good news story these days and Trinidad has one.

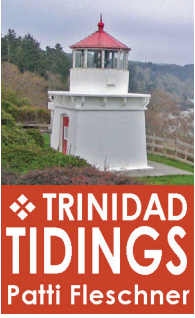
The Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce executive director, formerly Allie Hemstra, is now Allie Jones. She and husband Jonathan Jones were married on June 7.

They had planned a Puerto Vallarta, Mexico wedding but the coronavirus disrupted their plans. “With all of the uncertainty in the world, we wanted to be married” so they eloped.

Dori Fulk of Vacasa (formerly Redwood Coast Vacation Rentals) helped them plan their weekend getaway. Allie and Jonathan, who is a buyer and

academy and adventures administrator for Pacific Outfitters, reside in Eureka.

Allie has been diligent about sending chamber members and the community regular updates on safe business practices through the three-month period that people have been sheltering in place. Many Trinidad businesses are open, taking distancing precautions, presently. The Chamber has obtained a grant to give opening Trinidad businesses supplies (masks, hand and surface sanitizers, etc.) To find out more, email greater-trinidadchamber@gmail.com or call (707) 677-1610.



Allie and Jonathan Jones

There’s more going on in Bayside than meets the eye

Welcome! The area surrounding the junction of Old Arcata and Jacoby Creek roads was historically called Bayside Corners, thus the name of our new occasional column.

There is a lot more going on in Bayside than meets the eye!

Farmers in Bayside provide healthy locally grown food for our community. Farm Shares for Redwood Roots Farm and newcomer Caudal Fin Farm at Kokte Ranch are both fully subscribed at this time and are providing delicious organic produce and flowers to more than 200 area families.

This month Jacoby Creek Land Trust will hold its monthly Grass Fed Beef Sale on Saturday, June 27 from 9 a.m. until noon at Kokte Ranch and Nature Preserve, 2182 Old Arcata Road. Contact jacobyccreeklt@gmail.com or call (707) 822-0900 for more information about how to make a purchase.

Further down the road towards Arcata, the restaurant across from Jacoby Creek School has recently been taken on by Margie Vitalie, her sister Maria and her mother Mary Jane, hence the new name Bayside Trio.

They were shuttered by the COVID crisis just after they took over, but are now open and ready to serve you Wednesday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

They have COVID-appropriate indoor and outdoor seating, including a cozy private nook that can seat 8 or more, though it is best to call to reserve it at (707) 822-4423.

For now, the menu is the same locally sourced healthy mix of breakfasts, bagels, salads, soup, paninis, special-

ty coffees and yummy baked goods (including vegan and gluten free options) that the cafe is known for, but we hear that these ladies are amazing cooks. Let’s hope some of their Filipino specialties will be on offer soon!

Bayside Community Hall also has a lot going on. The latest step in an ambitious restoration plan was completed in March, with the installation of a full commercial kitchen.

You probably haven’t seen it yet because the Hall had to close to public events due to COVID, however, the kitchen is being used to help the community.

A coalition of volunteers spearheaded by Humboldt Mutual Aid, with some funding from Humboldt Area Foundation are using the dining area as a storage and staging depot for emergency supplies and the kitchen for preparation of hot meals to be delivered to those in need.

You can volunteer to help, or request help for yourself or others, by visiting the [humboldtmutualaid](https://www.facebook.com/humboldtmutualaid) Facebook page.

Some of you may have attended the amazing San Jose Taiko Swingposium event that was held at the Hall in January. A group of Taiko drumming enthusiasts grew out of the planning for that event, and they hold virtual drumming sessions on Tuesday evenings, with instructor Gary Ronne leading the group from the hall. Interested in joining or watching? Contact garytronne22@gmail.com.

Got a Bayside news item to share? Or a question about Bayside past or present?

Contact us at baysidecommunityhall@gmail.com or call (707)599.3192 and we’ll include you in our next update. Stay safe and we hope to see you in Bayside soon!



BAYSIDE CORNER Carolyn Jones

Experts examine racism against Asians

KEET-TV

HUMBOLDT – KEET-TV, Taiko Swing Humboldt and Humboldt State University Library’s L4HSU Series invite everyone to a free Zoom panel discussion on Wednesday, July 1 at 7 p.m.

The focus is on “Anti-Asian Racism and Justice Reform: A Local and National Perspective” featuring local Asian community members and national Asian justice reform leaders.

With the rise of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Black Lives Matter call for change, a serious discussion

will take place in our community. You can participate in a thought-provoking and educational on-line panel discussion about being Asian in America, racism and hate crimes, and the intersection with criminal justice reform and protections for Black, Indigenous and People of Color.

The panel will feature Stewart Kwoh, founder and former executive director of Advancing Justice-LA civil rights organization; Angela Chan, policy director and senior staff attorney, Criminal Justice Reform at Advancing Justice -Asian Law Caucus

(SF); and Alex Ozaki-McNeill, business consultant, member of Equity Arcata and Humboldt native.

The panel will be moderated by Jennifer Fumiko Cahill, arts and features editor of the *North Coast Journal*.

To watch and participate in the discussion go to the link humboldt-state.zoom.us/j/95131622264.

The panel discussion will be available and archived on KEET-TV and the L4HSU’s YouTube Channels.

Watch Asian Americans on PBS at pbs.org/weta/asian-americans/.

EUREKA STREET ART FESTIVAL

The third annual Eureka Street Art Festival will spread color throughout the Henderson Center neighborhood Aug. 10 through 15. You are invited to walk through Henderson Center throughout the week-long festival to watch the painting in progress,

or participate in the Virtual Daily Art Walks, which will be streamed on Facebook Live and available to watch online. A self-guided walking tour will help you enjoy this event at your own pace, and in a physically-distanced and safe manner. This year’s artists will be announced

very soon. Follow the Eureka Street Art Festival on Instagram: [@eurekastreetartfestival](https://www.instagram.com/eurekastreetartfestival) and visit eurekastreetartfestival.com for more information. The Eureka Street Art Festival’s mission is to create intentional, accessible art that enlivens public spaces, stimulates community

revitalization, and attracts visitors to Eureka. Its longterm aim is to recreate this event annually and continuously introduce new public art in Eureka. Excess funds raised by the Festival will go towards the maintenance of existing public art throughout the city.

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OBITUARY

Mary Jean Waldkirch, Aug. 16, 1927 – June 18, 2020

Mary Jean Waldkirch was born Aug. 16, 1927 to Thomas and Lena Funk in Portland, Oregon. She passed peacefully surrounded by her daughters on June 18, 2020, in McKinleyville, California. Mary graduated from Lincoln High School and continued on to pursue her education as an administrative professional. After a whirlwind romance of only three weeks she married the love of her life, Walter Waldkirch, on Aug. 31, 1947, and they began their life together in Orick, California. In 1962, Mary and Walt decided to move to McKinleyville where they built a life raising their four wonderful daughters. Together they owned and operated many successful businesses to include Walt Waldkirch Trucking, Shoreline Deli and Mart, Red Point Ranch, Waldkirch Equipment Sales, and a gold mine on the Forks of the Salmon River. Mary was in charge of managing the books, a responsibility she took very seriously, and did a wonderful job. Mary was an active member of Arcata Soroptomist for the majority of her life where she was well known for her homemade red velvet cakes, which were loved by all. She was a member of PTA, Beta Sigma Phi and volunteered at the Dow's

Prairie Library. Mary was an amazing cook and welcomed her large family for Sunday breakfasts and Wednesday night dinners until she was well into her 80s. Mary enjoyed any opportunity to travel. Some of her favorite trips included South America, Hong Kong, Japan, Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Switzerland, England, Singapore, New Zealand and the Philippines. One particular trip to Australia included a camel ride which Mary described as the worst "sea sickness" she had ever experienced. Aside from helping Walt manage the businesses, and her amazing cooking, Mary's real pride was raising her daughters and being an amazing grandma. Mary is preceded in death by her husband, Walter Waldkirch, her daughter and husband Kim and Bob Peterson, her brother and wife Lewis and Ruth Putnam. She is survived by her daughters Jenny Turner (Dave), Cindy Woolsey (Dick), Amber Dim-



mick (Tom), and grandchildren Lisa Smith (Brian), Josh Turner, Cher-ee Miller (John), Kristen Westfall (Graham), Ashley Peterson, Jen Hales (Geoff), Brian Woolsey, and great-grandchildren Tate and Bray Miller, Jack, Henry, Scarlett and Gracie Westfall, and Brynn and Maia Hales. Due to the coronavirus, Mary will have a private family service and burial at the Sunset Cemetery in Eureka, California. In her final days, Mary received amazing care from Dr. Julie Ohnemus, Hospice of Humboldt and the caring staff at Timber Ridge Assisted Living. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hospice of Humboldt. Mary will be remembered for all of her wonderful traits; her generous spirit, her smile, ability to make everyone feel loved and welcome, and her beautiful dresses every day, even while camping. You will be forever missed until we see you again!

Making the best of these times

Since this crisis began, many have taken to working on projects and activities we may have seen during past crisis: victory gardening, learning to bake bread, and raising livestock at home. I know I'm not the only one with a more promising garden this year from years past and a new flock of hens (greetings from Abigail, Sophia, Zoe, Precious, and Lady Di as they eat from their chicken table).



CHICKNIC TABLE Raising chickens during a pandemic. APRIL SOUSA | UNION

I'm reminded that we aren't through all this – places are opening up at an almost rapid pace. We can more freely go get our hair cut, dine-in at restaurants, and shop other businesses that were previously closed. I hope that even during this time of reopening, we all remember to stay safe. Only go out if you need to, and when at all possible, hang out at home. If you must go out, don't forget your mask. I admit, it is a little in-

teresting to see the new fashion that masks have created. I would also like to continue my appreciation for those in the medical field who will continue to help those suffering from this virus. Healthcare workers from all over deserve 10 gold stars for their dedication and diligence. Speaking of "reopening" – Camp Perigot started on June 22. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Blue Lake to see if there are still spaces available. You can do this by emailing the Recreation Director at parksdirector@bluelake.ca.gov or call (707) 668-5932. While physical distancing requirements are still in effect to help ensure the safety of all participants and staff, this camp is sure to be the social outlet that our children need this summer! Keep up the positive vibes, Blue Lake.

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OBITUARY

Gianpaolo Venturi, Dec. 11, 1940 – June 12, 2020

Gianpaolo Venturi was born on Dec. 11, 1940, in Bologna, Italy. He died on June 12, 2020, in his home in Arcata, Calif., from ampullary cancer. Gianpaolo graduated with a law degree from the University of Bologna. Shortly after beginning a family, he and his family moved to Beatrice, Nebraska, where along with his father-in-law, they established Price Chopper Food Center. While in Beatrice, GP, as he was known to his American family and friends, supported renovation of the local library, donated to the food pantry, and was a Rotary Club member. GP believed in the importance of community. In 2003, GP and his wife moved to Arcata to be close to their daughter. In Arcata, his passion for fine foods led them to form Hasta-Be-Pasta, a food production and manufacturing business of gourmet Italian foods. He led the company until his death. Gianpaolo is known, among his older friends, to look at

life through a philosophical lens, but to speak about it with the poetic grace that used to win him awards. In his free time, GP enjoyed designing and building structures for his gardens, as well as remodeling projects for his homes; he could envision creative solutions to almost any problem. GP's passion for trees and gardening transformed gardens into beautiful Edens that attracted wildlife and left people wanting more. His summers were always spent returning to his beloved Bologna with its splendid architecture and to enjoy his lifelong friendships by the Adriatic Sea in Cervia. Gianpaolo is survived by his wife, Madeleine; his daughter, Litzy Venturi, brother; Gianpietro Venturi; sister-in-law Alessandra Rubini; mother-in-law, Dorothy Chisholm; brother-in-law, Graham Chisholm; and sister-in-law, Lesley Hildreth. He will be sorely missed by nieces and nephews in the U.S., Italy, and Belgium.

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00276
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LITTLE RIVER RANCH 970/994 CRANNELL ROAD TRINIDAD, CA 95570 P.O. BOX 4840 ARCATA, CA 95521 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT MATTHEW A. BABICH 944 H STREET ARCATA, CA 95521 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:**
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONNA DARLENE SABA CASE NO.: PR2000125
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **DONNA DARLENE SABA**
Petition for Probate has been filed by: JASON BOYD HEWITT SABA in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: JASON BOYD HEWITT SABA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. **A hearing on this petition will be held in this court as follows:**
Date: JULY 9, 2020
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 6
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit

BOLDT CASE NO. CV20000591 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: **Present name: CLAIRE STARNES LEWIS**
To Proposed name: **CLAIRE STARNES COLEMAN**;
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: JULY 31, 2020
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: JUNE 11, 2020
KELLY L. NEEL
Judge of the Superior Court
6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15

T.S. No.: 2020-00521-CA A.P.N.: 004-015-003-000
Property Address: 203 WEST GRANT STREET, EUREKA, CA 95501

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.

NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

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Trustor: **TOM M. SHIVELY AND CYNTHIA A. SHIVELY, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS**
Duly Appointed Trustee: **Western Progressive, LLC**
Deed of Trust Recorded 07/23/2004 as Instrument No. 2004-24771-22 in book ---, page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Humboldt County, California,
Date of Sale: 07/24/2020 at 10:00 AM
Place of Sale: **FRONT ENTRANCE, HUMBOLDT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 825 5TH STREET, EUREKA, CA 95501**
Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: **\$ 97,925.88**

THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:

All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:

More fully described in said Deed of Trust.

Street Address or other common designation of real property: **203 WEST GRANT STREET, EUREKA, CA 95501**
A.P.N.: **004-015-003-000**

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.

The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: **\$ 97,925.88.**

Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property.

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Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary
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Date: June 1, 2020 Trustee Sale Assistant

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Beginning next week, look for this column in the *Humboldt Beacon*. Please, give me a call if you know of any event that might fit into *The Hum*. – Bob Doran, Arcata Union, Nov. 30, 1995

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WHIRLING ENCHANTRESS Shoshanna at Saturday's Arcata Main Street Virtual OysterFest. MATT FILAR | UNION

Pandemic Poem

By Shoshanna, June 20, 2020

March took our lives and blew them away
When a pandemic hit and settled in to stay.

Even in Humboldt we can not seem to escape.
As our economy crumbles and in creativity we scrape.

From festivals to sports and from music to art
Corona-cancellations have broken our heart.

As each event falls and we sadly cross it out
It's so hard not to grumble, to yell, or to pout.

We have to wear masks as we go about town,
And though they are stuffy we keep the complaints down.

We visit farmers market but must stay out of the tree,
Can't play on the grass, see friends and feel free.

We can't even hug or kiss you good-bye
And the littlest people don't even know why.

While we hope that our lives will return in the fall,
Right now it feels Covid has stolen it all.

But some are creative and really each day
Reach out and inspire... they do find a way.

We are finishing old projects and cleaning out rooms,
Connecting with friends in our yards, streets and Zooms.

While devices suck us in and seem to rob us of air
Gardens are blooming everywhere with flourish and flair.

Distance learning is done, at least for this year,
It's the first day of summer and time for some cheer!

I thank the oysters for today giving me a voice
And invite you to be positive and try to make a choice

To blow bubbles, fly a kite and run wild and free
And to smile and talk to everyone... to you and to me.

Look for ways to help locally and hope that this ends
We're all in this together... let's make some new friends.

In world that feels daunting and too much to bear,
Open your eyes, take a walk, go out for fresh air.

Check in with neighbors, have a nice chat,
Think small and think local, as home is where its at.

Love to all

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